

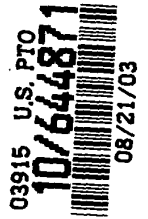


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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of Hiroyuki NISHIDA, Masayuki NAKAGIRI, Keisuke ENDO, and Hideyuki UEZONO
APPARATUS FOR STACKING SHEET MEMBERS, APPARATUS FOR MEASURING DIMENSIONS OF SHEET MEMBERS, AND APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF MARKING SHEET MEMBERS
Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q77027

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/871,729 (Confirmation No. 1418) filed June 4, 2001 of Hiroyuki NISHIDA, Masayuki NAKAGIRI, Keisuke ENDO, and Hideyuki UEZONO entitled APPARATUS FOR STACKING SHEET MEMBERS, APPARATUS FOR MEASURING DIMENSIONS OF SHEET MEMBERS, AND APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF MARKING SHEET MEMBERS.

The prior Application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3653.

This Application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 22 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior Application.

The present Divisional Application claims priority from Application No. 09/871,729, which Application is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
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| JAPAN | 2000-166600 | June 2, 2000 |
| JAPAN | 2000-171165 | June 7, 2000 |
| JAPAN | 2000-188309 | June 22, 2000 |

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/871,729.



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The Application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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